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## Project Description and Status

The US 93 Corridor Plan (the Plan) is being conducted by the Montana Department of Transportation to identify the most needed improvements to the US 93 transportation corridor between Missoula and Florence that will meet the corridor's operational requirements and user needs for the next 20 years. The planning process considers the needs of local residents in Missoula, Lolo and Florence along with other residents in the region and the traveling public.

To date, the planning process has included a review of existing traffic and corridor use, land use and environmental conditions, future traffic projections and an analysis of socio-economic data and trends to better understand corridor users and potential activities. Corridor goals, which were outlined in Newsletter #1, have been established based on public input and the operational needs of the corridor. These goals, together with the corridor Purpose and Need Statement have been used to guide the identification of possible improvement options, which are shown on the inside of this newsletter. The possible improvement options, together with additional corridor background information will be discussed at the *upcoming public open house events in June* (see details below). The public is encouraged to attend one of the workshops to review the possible alternatives and provide comments. For those who cannot attend, a comment form is included inside this newsletter.

## You're Invited to Public Open House #2 "Possible Improvement Options"

**Monday, June 12, 2006 - Missoula - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.\***  
Quality Inn Conference Center  
3803 Brooks St.

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - Florence - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.\***  
Florence-Carlton School  
5602 Old US Highway 93

*\* Both open house events are open house format. Area residents and other interested individuals are invited to drop in anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. MDT and project consultants will be on hand to discuss possible improvement options, corridor goals and other project information. Note that all information presented at the open houses, along with comment forms, is available on the project web site (see address at left).*



## Planning Steps & Schedule

<b>Step #1</b> Identify issues ♦ Stakeholder interviews ♦ Meet with elected officials	Oct / Dec 2005
<b>Step #2</b> Assess existing transportation / environmental / land use conditions	Nov 2005 thru Jan 2006
<b>Public Open House #1</b> Project kickoff—Identify issues, discuss goals	<b>Feb 2006</b>
<b>Step #3</b> Analyze future travel demand and performance	Jan 2006
<b>Step #4</b> Confirm purpose & need / goals	Mar / Apr 2006
<b>Step #5</b> Develop preliminary improvement options	Mar / Apr 2006
<b>Public Open House #2</b>	<b>June 2006</b>
<b>Step #6</b> Analyze improvement options	Jun / Jul 2006
<b>Step #7</b> Identify feasible improvement projects and policies	Jul / Aug 2006
<b>Public Open House #3</b>	<b>Late Summer 2006</b>
<b>Step #8</b> Develop draft recommendations	Sept 2006 thru Jan 2007
<b>Public Open House #4</b> Present draft corridor plan	<b>Fall / Winter 2006</b>
<b>Step #9</b> Prepare final corridor plan	Winter/Spring 2007

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## Draft Corridor Goals

*Based on public input and used to guide development of improvement options*

**Safety:** Provide and maintain a safe transportation corridor for all modes of travel

**Environment:** Minimize through "best practices", the negative corridor impacts to the adjacent environment, communities and wildlife

**Financial:** Ensure the wise use of financial resources, through financially feasible solutions

**Multi-modal:** Optimize the use of alternative transportation modes throughout the corridor

**Transportation Corridor Design:** Implement safe "context-sensitive" design solutions that balance corridor functional needs with the community and environmental character of the corridor

**Congestion:** Maintain acceptable levels of safe corridor operation

**Access:** Manage corridor access within the law to balance user access demands with corridor operational needs



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## Public Open House #2

*To discuss  
Possible Improvement Options*

**Monday, June 12 in Missoula  
Tuesday, June 13 in Florence**

*See inside for details*

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# US 93 Corridor: Missoula to Florence

## Possible Improvement Options

